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In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

Application No.: 09/870,442

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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, with the period for reply having been extended one month to November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 being a Sunday) by a request for extension of time and fee filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the claim amendment section of this paper.

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